

See page 124, and Dep. No. 9, and also the vote of Thomas Jackson, who *himself* swears he wanted to vote the Republican ticket, but was forced to vote the Democratic ticket. (Page 153, Dep. 32—1, 2, 3 and 4 Questions.)

And you have Widdicmbe's vote, 2,347. Deduct Thos. Jackson from Brooke, and he has 2,342, what he started with.

This Report, while in no wise pretending to countenance as right the irregularities which, from the evidence, seems to have been participated in by both sides, yet cannot by silence seem to countenance the deduction of votes from one side, and the giving them to the other, upon proof which would not be *heard*, much less *considered* in any Court of Law.

There is a duty, and a solemn one, to decide this case upon the legal evidence submitted under law to the Committee, and there is no right, as we consider, to fill the roads and the gaps in this testimony, when legal and proper evidence fails, by drawing upon our impressions, our belief, and our suppositions.

The forbearance of the Democrats, as stated in the Majority Report, by which bloodshed was avoided, was an act of virtue, for which, if true, they deserve all credit, but this furnishes no legal argument in favor of a new election.

The minority of your Committee are satisfied a new election ought not to be recommended.

Very respectfully,

JOHN WIER.

Which was read and made the order of the day for Tuesday next, the 24th instant.

Mr. Stewart, of Howard, Chairman of a Select Committee, reported favorably,

A bill entitled an Act to encourage fox-hunting in Howard and Montgomery counties.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Brown, Chairman of a Select Committee, reported unfavorably on,

A bill entitled an Act to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of Carroll county to levy annually the sum of five hundred dollars, in addition to the usual levy for road purposes in said county, and to pay the same to the Mayor and Common Council of the city of Westminster, for the purpose of laying out, opening and keeping in proper condition the streets, lanes and avenues of said city.

The unfavorable report was adopted.